

## Money, Faith & Worship: September

|          | Year-to-Date  | Prior Year    | Variance       |
|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Revenue  | \$54,588      | \$52,107      | \$2,481        |
| Expenses | <u>50,064</u> | <u>57,738</u> | <u>(7,673)</u> |
|          | \$ 4,524      | \$ (5,631)    | \$10,154       |

We are all facing challenging times during this global pandemic, so we want to tell you just how grateful we are for each of you and your faithful giving and support of the River through this time. We thank God for each of you, and praise Him for His faithfulness amidst these difficult times.

We know how convenient it is to give through tithe.ly but giving through a Pre-Authorized Debit is way more beneficial, as it eliminates the tithe.ly fee.

For those who write cheques, we are supposed to let you know to please make cheques payable to "The River Church" or "The River Squamish BC".

## River Church Wish List

*For Those of Who Look For Creative Ways to Give Over and Above Your Regular Giving*

The Alliance Justice & Compassion Arm

<https://www.cmacan.org/ministries/justice-and-compassion/>

Or you can direct your extra giving to support Young Life Squamish

<https://www.younglife.ca/1865-2/name/squamish-bc/>



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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

### December 2020

River Kids Program  
River Kids 9:45 – 10:00 am ZOOM  
Adult Service Starts 10:00 am



**About Us:** The River Churches' guiding ideas are these: 'GET REAL' **G**race-Filled, **E**ngaged, **T**ruthful, **R**elational, **E**xperiential, **A**uthentic, **L**oving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we gather together in smaller gatherings, called Simple Churches. One of which, meets on ZOOM. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we host what is called a CWG (City Wide Gathering), where all the Simple Churches gather together on ZOOM. This allows us to GET REAL and be the kind of people God has called us to be in this community. When we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month, we do something we call "Brunch Sundays", which will have to be postponed during COVID. The early church was said to have regular times where they gathered to break bread, and enjoy a meal together. These Brunch Sundays are our attempt at making that happen. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca)

**Mission Statement:** We are a network of Simple Churches, immersed in the grace of God, created to be rivers of life (rivers of healing / rivers of mercy / rivers of kindness etc.) to our city and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Our Vision is simply...Jesus. Apprentices of Jesus, creating apprentices of Jesus who live by faith, are known by love, and a voice of hope.

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# News & Events

**ALPHA:** Please can we invite you to pray into our desire to begin an ALPHA course this February 2021. This ALPHA course would be for anyone wanting to learn more about the Christian Faith and what makes it unique, as well as for those who have just recently made a decision to be a follower of Jesus.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/podcasts/media> or the River Facebook page

**Morning Prayer:** Wednesday 9-10:30 am Location TBA

### Huddle & Bubble During COVID:

We know we all long for face to face gathering, but until COVID comes to an end, we encourage each of you to choose a small group of people from the River to Huddle-Bubble with, where you can meet once every 2-weeks to share what Jesus is teaching you through the ACTS series, where you are growing, or where perhaps you might be struggling and then pray for one another. We will have booklets available upon request, and themes and verses will be posted at

### Fueling Thought

*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!”*

Isaiah 9:6-7



# Living Out Jesus’ Love

## Children and Youth Programs

**Vision:** For kids to have a safe place where they know God’s love, learn what it means to be like Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Leaders:** All teachers in our children’s programs are members of the River Church and have completed criminal record checks. For safety, we follow the policies and procedures outlined in Plan to Protect. For questions, comments or to volunteer, contact Kenda Reimer at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Little Dippers (infant to school age):** We have teachers on a rotation however, parents are welcome to stay with their children if need be. The format we use is story, pray, play. Whenever possible we use the carpeted room beside the main meeting space. If unavailable, we set up inside the hallway across from the gym. If you would like to be on this rotation, contact Kenda.

**River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6):** **For non-COVID season** The kids are dismissed after the singing. River Kids runs only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks we strive to make the service inclusive for all ages. We encourage children to participate with the adults wherever they are meeting.

### **Young Life (Gr.7 to 12):**

If you’re a teen ages 13-18 and looking to connect with other youth city wide who follow Jesus or are interested in Jesus please contact Allyson Huguét, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](https://www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife).

**Global Missions:** Part of your general giving helps to fund Canadian CMA missionaries worldwide. We had a link agreement with Gaileen but she is now retiring. We are in discussion with other missionaries we know to start a relationship with them. We are excited about what this new partnership could look like.

## Simple & Small Groups

**Tantalus:** 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Richard Hoshino at [richard.hoshino@gmail.com](mailto:richard.hoshino@gmail.com)

**Paradise Valley:** 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser’s in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

## Growth Streams

**Women’s Group:** We are taking a break as it concerns tri-ads right now, but if you have an idea for a Women’s Event, and would like to help make it happen, please call Pastor Kenda [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Men’s Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Richard [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](https://www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group)

**Listening Prayer Ministry:** Are you feeling stuck? What if Jesus wants to come alongside and speak into that? Listening Prayer is wonderful for encouragement, inner healing and giving all burdens to Jesus – they were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Pastor Kenda or Darcy, or Claudia [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**Book Club: Just putting it out there to see if this interests anyone. If so, please contact Kenda.** NT Wright’s book entitled After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters?

**Other mid-week Bible Study may happen but tentative.**

**Wednesday Prayer:** Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 am location TBA.

**Spiritual Direction:** Call Pastor Kenda or Darcy to make an appointment.